THEATRES TURNED INTO RAGING **FURNACES**

The Fifth Avenue Theatre and Herrmann's Beautiful Playhouses Doomed by Flames that Started Under the Stage of the Former.

HALF A DOZEN FIREMEN BURNED TO DEATH.

At Two A. M. the Flames Were Still Raging Despite the Eforts of the Whole Department to Stay Them.

FEARS THAT THE WHOLE BLOCK WOULD GO.

Bounded by Twenty-eighth and Twentyninth Streets, Broadway and Sixth Avenue, It Contains Many of the Most Famous Buildings in the City.

TENS OF THOUSANDS WATCH THE RUSH OF THE FLAMES.

During the Evening Smoke Had Been Smelled in the Fifth Avenue Theatre, but Luckily the Flames Did Not Burst Out Until After the Performance.

A SERIES OF

TERRIFIC EXPLOSIONS.

Caused Probably by the Stock of Fireworks for Use in Fanny Davenport's Spectacular "Cleopatra" and by Bursting Gas Tanks.

HARRYMINER'S PREMONITION

Fire which resulted in the loss of the lives of at least half a dozen brave firemen broke out in the Fifth Avenue Theatre shortly after midnight this (Saturday) morning.

Within au hour that famous playhouse was practically destroyed, Herrmann's Theatre was sult. in flames and the entire block in grave peril. At the hour of going to press (two o'clock fiercely and spreading rapidly.

FIRE UNDER THE STAGE. Flames broke out under the cage of the Fifth Avenue Theatre.

Watchman "Dan" discovered the smoke, and notified Policeman Adams that he thought the house was on fire.

Adams rung in an alarm, and this was followed by a second and third, turned in by the firemen who responded to the first alarm.

UNABLE TO DROWN IT OUT, At first the fire did not seem to be serious,

and the firemen played on it with streams of water, expecting that the flames would be at once drowned out.

AN EXPLOSION.

At half-past twelve o'clock an explosion was heard in the building and a moment later the upper part of the city was illuminated Sturtevant House was first to catch fire. by a huge sheet of flame which rose from the roof of the theatre, enveloping the entire building and Herrmann's Theatre immediately ad-

SIX FIREMEN PERISHED.

Six firemen had gone through Herrmann's Theatre to the roof and had just succeeded in hoisting a length of hose up when the furnace opened directly at their feet.

Five of them could not be seen from the street, but one stood outlined against the sea of flame that rose from the burning buildings.

ENGULFED IN FLAMES.

A shout was made for scaling ladders by the firemen on Broadway, but before they could be procurred the fireman was seen to take a farewell look at the crowd below and then to deliberately walk into the flames and disappear. PEOPLE HORROR STRICKEN.

A deadly silence that lasted for a full moment resulted, and then a mean of agony arese from the crowd. Firemen were seen to bend their heads and wipe away the tears that they could not prevent from flowing.

THE ENTIRE BLOCK ON FIRE.

At this time the whole block, from Twenty-eighth street to Twenty-ninth street, was in flames, while on the Twentyeighth street side of the Fifth Avenue Theatre the flames burst from the windows and doors and threatened the Everard Baths and other buildings on the opposite side of the street.

PANIC IN THE HOTELS.

into the street. The Sturtevant House, oppa-

GREAT SHEETS OF FLAME.

For miles around the flames could be seen shooting high into the heavens, and an enormous crowd gathered and crowded the neighboring

When the news spread that several firemen had fallen into the flames it struck the crowd with horror. No one knew exactly how many firemen were on the roof when the flames burst out, but it was said that there were fully six if

EARLY SIGNS OF FIRE.

During the performance in the theatre last night a sharp odor of smoke was noticeable, and before Mr. Harry C. Miner left the theatre he went all over it and made a personal investigation of the theatre, but without discovering

FOREBODING OF EVIL. It was said that he had a strong presentiment that something was going to happen and spoke to some members of the orchestra of the possibility of fire in the theatre. He appeared perfectly satisfied, though, when he left the theatre and was the

Many explosions which could not be accounted for were heard just prior to the falling in of the roof. No one knows what caused them, but it is supposed they were due to the ignition of fireworks and gas.

DWELLING HOUSES IGNITED.

Several high stoop brown stone dwellings on Twenty-eighth street, next to the theatre, caught fire, and the firemen devoted their energies to saving the surrounding property.

A livery stable on Twenty-ninth street was

RESERVES CALLED OUT.

All the reserves under command of Captain Rielly and Sergeant Sheldon were turned out and kept the crowd at a safe distance from the

Later the reserves from the Twentieth and Twenty-first precincts were turned out.

LIKE A SEETHING FURNACE, At one o'clock the scene was one of mag-

nificence, the entire block on Broadway and one hundred and fifty feet on both Seventyeighth and Twenty-ninth streets was like a

A high wind blew and carried cinders and huge blocks of burning wood on the roofs of the neighboring buildings. There the residents poured pails of water on

the burning refuse and protected their homes. WHEN THE ROOF CAVED IN.

The firemen were in a state of agitation over the report that many of their number had pershed in the flames.

One fireman who saw the roof as it caved in described the scene to me with horrible realism. The man stood on the edge of the roof pulling at the house, he said, the rest of the boys being further back, when the whole roof seemed to burst out and rise and then settle back with

WAIKED INTO THE PIT OF FIRE.

"Poor fellow," he continued, "he looked at us and then walked right into the flames."

The others must have gone down with the roof, but he might have held on until help arrived. He would have had the scaling ladders up in a moment had he but waited, but he lost his head and this is the re-

"He walked deliberately to his death."

I tried to learn from the Chief just how many this morning) the flames were still raging men were on the roof, but he was too excited to say.

THE STURTEVANT HOUSE ABLAZE.

At one o'clock the wind veered from north to east and the top story of the Sturtevant House caught fire from embers from across Broadway. The ffremen elevated their ladders and, climb-

the guests. Nearly all the guests, however, had taken

flight, and the excitement was intense. A good part of the Sturtevant will be destroyed.

SPARES BLOWN TO THIRD AVENUE.

The sparks were blown as far as Third ave-

nne. Broadway, in the vicinity of the fire, is lined with policemen driving back the crowds.

A window sash on the top floor of the

The woodwork on the fire escape was also soon ablaze.

Several firemen who went up were unable to

tear away the woodwork with their axes, and a stream was accordingly directed upon the blazing spot, but for several moments without quelling the flames.

WIND BLOWING A GALE.

The fire threatens to spread through to Fifth avenue, as the wind is blowing toward the east very strongly.

At half-past one a call for additional water power was turned in, and the fire was spreading flercely.

There was great excitement in the Gilsey House when the Sturtevant House caught fire and many of the guests commenced to dress preparatory to seeking safety in flight.

ESTIMATE OF LOSSES.

The estimated loss on the Fifth Avenue Theatre was \$100,000 by H. C. Miner and \$100,000 by the Gilsey estate.

Miss Fannie Davenport loses \$50,000, exclusive of her costumes, and Professor Her. man's loss is placed at \$50,000.

HISTORY OF THE THEATRE.

BUILT FOR DALY SEVENTEEN YEARS AGO AND THE SCENE OF MANY GREAT EVENTS.

The Fifth Avenue Theatre was built by the executors of the Peter Gilsey estate in 1873, on the site of Apollo Hall, for Mr. Augustine Daly. The building has a frontage of 60 feet on Twentyeight and 65 in the rear and is 160 feet deep. Quests of the Brower House were early turned the stage 40 and the greenroom 30 feet. The The vestibule occupied 20 teet, the house 70, house was 56 feet high and the staffe 62.

site the Broadway entrance to the burning | It was built with division walls of brick, |

theatre, did likewise, and was in serious fitted with iron doors and shutters and was considered as fireproof as could be expected. The scene room and the painters' gallery were in a building 22x45 feet, adjoining the stage. The dressing rooms were in the second and third stories, over the green room, and the wardrobe was in the fourth story, the stage entrance being in Twenty-ninth street.

EVERY GUARD AGAINST FIRE. The exits were so ample that it was thought that the house could be emp-tied in two minutes. The interior has since been much remodelled and the decorations of 1873 have given place to later designs, and the last remodelling was done last summer by Harry Miner, when he entirely changed the character of the interior.

New Yorkers well remember vividly the theatre of fifteen years ago. The interior was then in the style of Renaissence, the proseculum arch supported by a pair of hand-some caryatides and the design of the three tiers of double boxes on each side making a rich

The parquet seated about six hundred perns, aside from the box accommodations; the first circle seated four hundred and the second gallery five hundred. The foyers were ample and attractively decorated.

The Broadway exterior was perfectly plain, though the corridor richly panelled, until Mr. Miner built an entrance of colored glass, which with lights behind has been shining each night with great brilliancy at least. The Twenty-eighth street side was was adorned by a portico with columns, and the gable of the façade was filled by a statue. ITS BRILLIANT OPENING.

The theatre was opened under Mr. Daly's management on Wednesday night, December 3, 1873, to a brilliant audience who pronounced it a gem, indeed, the realization of an ideal theatre, perfect in form and finish.

The play was "Fortune," by Mrs. Albery which was considered a decided failure, though the scenery was magnificent. In the cast were Messrs. Charles Fisher, Louis James, George Clarke Horkins, Whitney. Devere Parkes, Chapman, Beekman and Deveau (also Mr. James Lewis, though unable to appear on the opening night), and Mrs. Gilbert, Miss Sara Jawett, Miss Minnie Conway, Miss Nellie Mortimer, Miss Griffiths and Mrs. Cougdon, while the leading lady was by a singular coincidence Miss Fany Daven-

The opening night was made the more notable by a recitation by Miss Fanny Morant, of an opening address written by Dr. Wendell Holmes, beginning :-

Hang out our banners on the stately tower!
It dawns at last—the long expected hour.
The steep is climbed, the startit summit wor;
The builder's task, the artist's labor done;
Before the finished work the herald stands,
And asks the verdict of your lips and hands.

"Fortune" gave way to "Old Heads and Young Hearts" the following Monday, with "False Shame" on Tuesday and Thursday, "Alixe" on Wednesday and Friday and "London Assurance" on Saturday, making an unusually brilliant opening week.

TOO MANY WIRES ON ROOFS.

Park Commissioner Hutchins appeared before the Board of Electrical Control yesterday in behalf of the Harlem Bridge, Morrisanis and Fordham Raliroad Company for permission to operate an electric railroad. The company proposes to use the Trolling Electric Railway system, which includes the erection of poles and stringing of wires. The Board's expert, Mr. Wheeler, said the system was safe and torporation Counsel Clark said there were no legal restrictions against the overation of such a road. The subject was laid over, however, for further deliberation.

W. A. Auderson, superintendent of the Board of Fire Underwriters, in a letter stated that the Electric Power Company were applying with suspicious frequency for permits to run motors. From this it was inferred that the stringing of wires over roofs was on the Increase.

Commissioner Hess said that many permits had been granted, but he could not give the number. Expert Wheeler was told to get a list of such permits and have them ready at the next meeting.

Mr. Ogden Mills asked permission to string two electric wires from Fourth avenue and Seventy-second street to his residence, No. 2 East Sixty-ninth street. Mr. Mills intends to have some social events come off at his residence next week and needed the wires for illuminating purposes. His request was granted. of the Harlem Bridge, Morrisania and Fordham

RUNAWAY ON PARK ROW.

Two horses attached to a truck and owned by Morris Soloman, of No. 12 Hester street, ran away on Park row, near the Post Office, yesterday. They dashed up the street among the horse cars and teams opposite the Hitchcock Building. There the pole of the truck broke and one end pierced one of the horses in the fieshy part of its thigh. Blood flowed coplously from a ghastly wound. The suffering creature was removed in the animal ambulance. Bleecker street car No. 95 ran into the truck and was slightly damaged. No one was hurt.

FRY MUST ANSWER FOR MURDER. ing up, smashed the windows and shouted to

> Jack Fry, who was arrested for assaulting Euene George, a telegraph operator, on Christmas night at the entrance of Charles Miller's saloon

night, at the entrance of Charles Miller's saloon on Twenty -ninth street, was arraigned before Justice McMahon in the Jefferson Market Police Court use sterday on a charge of homicide and committed to the custody of the Coroner. The death of George at the Roosevelt Hospital was reported in the HERALD yesterday., George's skull was fractured with a beer glass.

A despatch to the HERALD from Pittsburg, Pa. says that Assistant Superintendent of Police, Roger O'Mara, of that city, denounces Fry as a common thief, who has given the police a great deal of trouble, and has frequently been sentenced to the workhouse. Fry's companion, who gave his name as McGee, is said to be "Johnny" Thomas, a well known character.

MOTHER-IN-LAW ZERWICH WARNED.

Bernard Goodman, who made a complaint against his mother-in-law, Mrs. Ethel Zerwich, in the Essex Market Police Court on Thursday, chargthe Essex Market Police Court on Thursday, charging her with violent interference with his household affairs, enjoyed a triumph yesterday.

She was arraigned, and it was proven that she smashed the lamps and kickeda nurse out of the house. When she was called to the stand she talked so fast, so furiously and so persistently that the Justice had to order her removal by force. He warned her that if she went near Goodman's house he would put her under bonds to keep the peace.

WAS IT A KINDRED FEELING, &C.?

Thirty men and women were arraigned before Justice Divver at the Harlem Police Court yester day morning charged with drunkenness. The Jus tice was in a merciful humor and discharged all but a very few flagrant cases.

HILL FIRST, THEN DANA,

Never print a paid advertisement as news matter. Le very advertisement appear as an advertisement—n ailing under false culors.—Charles A. Dann's Albrese is Wisconsin Editorial Association, Milecules, July 24, 1888 'My first choice," sald Alderman Brown, when I

asked what he thought of the Henald's candidate for the Senate, "Is Governor Hill. I give him the

WILLIAM EMILY'S GOOD WORK.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD: Will you permit me to give you the true state ment in relation to the article in the Herald of January 1, headed "Half Frozen Saitors Saved,"

that credit may be given where credit is due? The crew of the sloop Bell consisted of Captain The crew of the sloop Bell consisted of Captain William Crozier and one sailor. The sloop upset off Bayville Beach, L. I., about half-past eight P. M. December 29, and the men were rescued at eight A. M. on December 30, by William Emily, of Fox Island, whose boat was stowed away in the barn. It was launched with great difficulty, and Emily started for the vreck, stopping several times on the way to keep his hands from freezing. The sailors were taken to Fox Island, where they were cared for by Mrs. Sarah Hall.

An eye witness and subscriber. CHARLES WAUSOR.

BATVILLE, L. L. Jan. 2, 1891.

KILLED WITH AN AXE BY AN INSANE PAUPER.

Head Farmer Timothy, of the Richmond County Almshouse, the Victim of a Mysterious Assault.

FIRST TREATED FOR APOPLEXY.

Then He Was Carted Insensible Five Miles to an Infirmary, Where He Died of a Fractured Skull.

The mysterious death of Michael Timothy, which has been exciting Staten Islanders for several days.

proves to have been a most brutal murder. Timothy, who was twenty-eight years old and single, was head farmer at the Richmond County Almshouse at Northfield. He was found insensible last Saturday, so the story ran, in the storehouse of the Almshouse, having apparently fallen from a ladder. He lay unconscious until his death Tuesday evening.

This story was allowed to go uncontradicted until yesterday by Coroner J. Walter Wood, who did not care to make public the facts until he was reasonably sure that he had Timothy's murderer in custody.

Timothy, with John Pluffer and P. J. Fallon, two noon on Saturday. Timothy sent Fallon in to the stables to bring some harness to be cleaned.

SAW PLUFFER BUNNING AWAY. Fallon, returning in about five minutes, saw Pluffer running away from the storeroom and asked him what was the matter. Pluffer replied that nothing was wrong, but did not stop. Hearing cans from the storeroom, Fallon entered and found Timothy leaning against a table, his head in his hands and his elbow resting on the top of a platform scale. Blood was flowing from his nose and his right ear.

"What's the matter, Tim? Been fooling again?" asked the pauper, to which Timothy, who appeared dazed, replied, "Oh, that's nothing. Am I out?" Fallon made an examination, and found two scratches. At the same time he saw an axe lying bout eight feet away. He paid little attention to it at the time. Had he examined it he would have found it was stained with blood. The scratches, not the axe, alarmed Fallon, who

an and told Mrs. J. B. Jones, the matron, to send or a doctor, as "Mike" was bleeding to death. Mrs. Jones followed Fallon to the store room and applied cold water to Timothy's nose to stop the and Mrs. Jones sent the others to dinner and went

applied cold water to Himothy's noise to step the bleeding. About this time the dinner hell rang and Mrs. Jones sent the others to dinner and went herself to the kitchen to get Timothy a cup of coffee, he insisting he was feeling better and could take oare of himself. He proved this by walking across the room. When Mrs. Jones returned Timothy was lying unconscious on the stoop. He never regained consciousness after that and at no time told how he was hurt.

TREATED FOR APOPLEXX.

Superintendent B. J. Bodine arrived about this time, and sent for Dr. Isaac Milspaugh, attendant physician to the institution, who lives at Port Richmond. It was three o'clock before he arrived. The officials supposed that Timothy had received his hurts by a fail, but Dr. Milspaugh said he was suffering from apoplexy and kidney troubles. It was not until Sunday afternoon, when he made another examination, that the Doctor discovered that Timothy's skull had been fractured. At seven o'clock on Sunday night, insensible and with a broken head, the young farmer was carted five miles to New Brighton and placed in Smith's Infirmary. Here the operation of trephining was performed the same night, and Coroner J. Walter Wood, of Port Richmond, received the first intimation he had had of the sffsir.

Coroner Wood, having satisfied himself that Timothy's dwalf coroner wood empanelled a jury, and after viewing the body adjourned until next Monday evening at eight o'clock, when testinony will be taken at Judge Casey's office in New Brighton. On Wednesday afternoon an autopsy was held, which revealed an extensive fracture of Timothy's skull just behind the right ear, extending through the base of the skull, and a blood lot the size of a man's first just beneath the point of fracture, which had caused compression of the brain. All of the other organs were in a perfectly healthy condition.

Coroner Wood now called in the police. Accompanied by Sergeant Joseph Cobb, of West Brighton, he went immediately after the autopsy to the County Almshouse, and afte

up in the police station at West Brighton, as was also P. J. Fallon, who is wanted as a witness.

The axe which Fallon had first noticed, but attached no importance to when he entered the storehouse in response to Timothy's groams, was examined. On the handle, near the blade, were several drops of blood, as though the blow had been struck with the side of the axe and the blood spurting from it had fallen against the handle.

Pluffer, who is a Swede forty-four years old, bears a bad reputation. He has been in Crow Hill Penitentiary and other prisons. He was committed to the almshouse for thirty days last July as temporarily insane. It took several policemen to get him there. Just why he was not discharged when his time expired does not appear. He was kept about the almshouse as an assistant to Farmer Timothy and seemed rational enough except at times, when he would get ugly and refuse to work. When he was arrested Pluffer denied that he knew anything about Timothy's death. He said "Mike" was "no good" anyhow. He had gone sleigh riding and would come back.

I saw Pluffer last night in the West Brighton police station and if he is not insane he gives a first class imitation of insanity. His talk was disjointed and he had a wild look in his eyes. Pluffer is a man of medium height, with brown eyes and mustache and a short, stubby beard. He told me he had been in America tweive years and denied that he had ever been in prison before.

Timothy, he said, was "no good," and made him work all summer without giving him money or tobacco. However, he hadn't fulled Timothy, His talk was dead, but said that he was "off sleigh riding somewhere."

Timothy had no friends on Staten Island except ex-Keeper McCormick, who will see that he is decoutly buried if no friends appear to claim his corpse.

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KILLED BY LIVE WIRES.

TWO HOSSES STRUCK DEAD AND THEIR DRIVER BADLY SHOCKED.

Two valuable horses belonging to James H. Van Ness, a milkman in Irvington, N. J., were electrocuted near the corner of Ferry and East Mechanic streets, Newark, yesterday morning.

Mr. Van Ness, who was driving them, received a shock that dazed him for several minutes and temporarily paralyzed his left arm and side. He had driven into a little alley, according to his custom of years, for the purpose of making a short cut to Ferry street, when both horses reared and them dropped to the ground. Believing they had merely slipped on the ice and fallen, Mr. Van Ness sprang from the wagon and attempted to loosen the traces. As he touched the iron coupling he received a shock that threw him backward ten feet or more.

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A crowd quickly collected and it was ascertained that the horses had been killed by stepping upon an electric wire, which, with other wires, was trailing in the slush in the alley and in the street near by. The flesh above one of the festiceks of one of the horses was burning and threw out a sicken-

near by. The fiesh above one of the feliceks of one of the horses was burning and threw out a sickening odor.

Mr. Van Ness was restored to consciousness after several minutes of vigorous rubbing. Five ends of broken wire were dangling from a pole just above the dead horses.

Electric light, telephone and telegraph linemen visited the scene, but none of them would say which wire sent the deadly current into the horses. A gentleman who lives in the vicinity of the accident and was an eye witness to it said:—

"In my opinion the horses were killed by the current from an electric light wire. When the horses fell I ran into the street. Two broken wires were stretched in the gutter in front of my house. The driver of the horses, when he attempted to unfasten the traces, was knocked down as if struck by a cannon ball."

Mr. Philip Nye Jackson, manager of the Newark Electric Light and Paver Company, said yesterday afternoon that in his opinion a telephone wire did the killing, but that it was primarily caused by contact with one of the electric light alternating current wires. If their wire fell on the telephone wire his company would be responsible, but if the other wire fell on his company's wire the telephone-company would be responsible.

END OF AN OLD TAVERN.

gether with extensive stables, was entirely destroyed by fire shortly after midnight Thursday night.
The hotel was owned by Barney Powers, who,

with his family and two lodgers, had a narrow escape. Mr. Powers was awakened by the smoke, and quickly arousing his family and the two guests they fled from the burning structure. The hotel was more than fifty years old. The loss was about \$5.000.

all classes of New Year's resolution with melancholy comments by a noted humorist, are set forth by their author in the SUNDAY HERALD.

DEAD IN A GAS FILLED ROOM.

HANDSOME KATE NOBTON SUFFOCATED AND

HARRY HYLE CENDERED UNCONSCIOUS, Kate Norton, a handsome young woman, who lived with two sisters and her brother in a flat at No. 220 East 127th street, was sufficiated by gas

Thursday night, Harry Hyles, an acquaintance, who while under the influence of liquor went to sleep in the same

foom, was found there unconscious. The young woman entered the room after Hyles had fallen asleep. In shutting off the gas she turned the key completely around, and the gas poured into the room. She then retired. Boors leading to the other rooms had been

oseq.
Norton and his sisters have occupied the flat bout three months. Besides William Norton, a unber handler, employed in Mott Haven, the unliy consisted of three sisters—the dead girl,

family consisted of three sisters—the dead girl, Josephine, and Lizzie. The girls had many gentlemen callers. The girls had many gentlemen callers. The young women received several visitors on New Year's Day. Liquors and beer were plentiful. Harry Hyles and other young men called and remained until nearly twelve o'clock, when, with the exception of Hyles, they departed.

When Josephine opened the door of her sister's room yesterday morning gas poured forth and she fled to escape suffication. She left the door open and called her brother. When he entered the room the body of Kate and the unconscious young manwere found.

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were found.

The former had evidently been awakened before death ensued, for her body was found lying on the floor. Her hand clutched the collar of her dress. Hyles was on the sofa.

He was taken to the Harlem Hospital. It is believed he will recover. An inquest will be held to-day.

A RARE CHANCE FOR COLLECTORS.

ME. BRAYTON IVES TREASURES OF PURCELAINS. IVORIES, BARR BOOKS AND MANUSCRIPTS. The announcement that Mr. Brayton Ives' large collection of Oriental porcelains, ivories, jade, curies and rare books and manuscripts is to be

sold by the American Art Association next March will arouse uncommon interest among the col-lectors of two continents, for some of Mr. Ive s' treasures are unique. He has been a collector and not a speculator in rarities. The whole collection valued at more than half a million dollars. In Oriental porcelains and jade the collection

In Oriental porcelains and jade the collection does not excel some in this city or that of Mr. Walters, of Baltimore, but considering that Mr. Ives only began to collect about twelve years ago, he has done wonders. He has been represented at every important sale of art curios in the last ten years and has been credited with buying many of the rarest pieces. The famous "peach blow" vase was said to have tempted him to the extent of \$10,000, but he did not get it. Altogether he has about five hundred pieces, including a few for rare sang de benig glaze and some of the yellow porcelains said to have been made only for the Emperor of China. The secrets of miking such ware have been lost for hundreds of years, even in China, so that specimens are steadily growing more costly.

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Mr. Ives' collection of jade and of ivories is said to be second in this country only to that of Mr. Heber R. Bishop.

The most valuable part of Mr. Ives' treasures will, however, be found among the books. In 1885 he bought from the late Hamilton Cole the Guttenberg Bible, also known as the Mazarin Bible. This is the first copy of the Bible printed from type, and was printed by Guttenberg about the middle of the lifteenth century. It is a big, ponderous follo, the largest copy of the Bible known. Mr. Ives' copy is still bound in the limenase wooden covers strengthened with pigskin and fron knobs. It was probably chained to some monastery desk for hundreds of years. Mr. Cole paid \$5,000 for it in 1880 and sold it to Mr. Ives for \$15,500 in 1885. The only other copy in this country is in the Lenox Library.

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The collection is rich in first editions of the assics such as Cleero's "De Officiis," and works St. Augustine, Cæsar, St. Chrysostom, Aristotle, occacio, Horace, Plautus, Pliny, Plutarch, Senees, actius, Theocritus, Virgil and other classical riters. Among the missals is the Pembroke Book Hours, which was written for William Herbert, arl of Pembroke, about 1440. It is a large foliomataining 207 ministures in Pwater colors, and is ound in boards with Italian silverwork. This issal is said by experts to be the finest manuscript English workmanship in existence. Mr. Ives such it in 1883 for \$10,000 from S. F. Ellis, of

manuscripts relating to Columbus equal in number and rarity those of the Astor Library and include a unique copy of Columbus' letter in Spanish to Louis de Sant Angel, believed by some authorities to be the first printed report of the first yoyage to America. America.

In Shakespearlana the greatest curlosity of the collection is a copy of "Venus and Adonis," of which only one other copy, that in the British Museum, is known to exist.

DASHED A BOY TO DEATH.

ies Burgdorf, sixteen years old, of No. 227 East 127th street, secured employment one week ago in the bookbinding establishment of John

ago in the bookbinding establishment of John Penrose, No. 27 Rose street. He was set at work making eyelets in calendars.

The belting in the room where he was engaged became detached from the main shaft yesterday. While he was trying to slide the belton the fly wheel the machinery was put in motion. It upset the boy. He caught hold of the shaft with both hands. The wheel made four revolutions before the machinery could be stopped. The lad was dashed against the celling and the side wall and dropped on the floor dead. Every rib was broken.

NEWS NOTES FROM ROUNDABOUT. A large white and checolate colored crow was shot near Princeton, N. J., a few days ago, Kline, a crackery dealer, of Wilkesbarre, failed erday. The liabilities are \$7,648 28.

Mrs. Elizabeth Scranton, ninety-nine years eld died at the residence of her son-in-law, R. E. Rice, in New Havon, yesterday.

The Thames Elver is rising so rapidly at Norwich, Conn., that owners of freight houses along the river front have moved their goods to places of safety.

Eight victims of the South Wilkesbarre mine disaster were buried in Hanover Cemetery at Wilkesbarre. Pa., yesterday. The funeral was attended by hundrois of randon.

Mrs. Paimyra Cotton celebrated the ninety-ninth anniversary of her birth at Waterbury, Conn., on New Year's Day. She is still in excellent health, considering her remarkable age. r remarkanic age. Somebody colebrated the advent of the new year by coting three bullets through the window of William J, sits' house at No. 310 Bloomfield street, Hoboken. otts' son had a narrow escape.

he funeral of the late James L. Hubbard, the owner the Hubbard Paper Mills, in Greenville, Conn. was d at Norwich, Conn. resterday afternoon. He leaves his estate, worth \$4,000,000, to his wife and son.

The body of a man, terribly mangled, was found lying eside the Long Island Railroad tracks, near the depot it Woodhavan, yesterday morning. The remains were ientified as those of Charles Thorn, a resident of Charles Biair, a bookkeeper, was found dead yesterday, noraling at his home in Waterbury, Conn. The gas was urned off by a patent electrical contrivance, and it is apposed that this failed to work. Death was caused by

William Gufar, thirty years old, got drunk in Hoboken seterian and then called on bis heighbor, Gustav Keis-ticr, of No. 113 Mouroe street. He quarrelled with his ticr, and when Mrs. Keisnetter took her husband's part abbed her in the arm. He was accessed. The family of Theodore Sheriff, living on Livingston trees, Elizabath, N. J., were found unconscious from only gas yeateriay morning by their neighbors, who roke into the house. Sheriff and his wife were resustinged to their three-year-old child was dead.

At Jersey City yesterday Frodorick Porter was sen-tenced to ten years in State Frison. He is nineteen years old, and claims to come from Texas. He was the ducey of a gang of New York burglars who operated suc-cessfully in the Greenville section of Jersey City. Henry Edwards, who pleaded guilty to a charge of having robbed J. T. Hamilton, of Spokane, Wash, of a valles containing SS2,000, in the Ponnsylvania Kaliroad depot at Jersey City last November, was sentenced in the Jersey City Gourt of Sessions yesterday to seven years in State Prison.

scaused by an overheated stove.
Little O'Neil, sixteen years old, died at New Haven unvery suspicious circumstances. She had been
thely ill, and the doctor who attended her gave her
so simple remedy to aliay her excessive vomiting,
en he called again she was dead. It is supposed the
committed suicide by taking rat poison,
nilivan county is without a treasurer. Charles Ennis,
o was elected to that nosition last November, being
able to furnish the required \$50,000 bonds. This is
to the litigation pending between Charles S. Starr,
ireasurer two terms ago, and the county regarding
which causes the moneyed men to hesitate in bening bondsmen.

The Bull's Head Hotel, at Westbury, L. L. to-

TRAIN WRECKERS SET THE FIENDISH TRAP.

Investigation Shows that the Lackawanna Disaster at West Paterson Was Caused by the Deliberate Displacement of a Switch.

MURDER PLOTTED TO HELP ROBBERY.

Four Men Seen at the Junction a Few Moments Before the Smashup and Detectives Hard at Work to Find Them.

The smashing of an express train on the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad near West Paterson on New Year's night was not caused by an ice bound switch, as reported yesterday but was due to the work of train wreckers inspired either by malice or greed.

Whatever the motive, a more inhuman piece of work was never undertaken. That it did not result in wholesale butchery instead of the mutilating and scalding of an engineer and a loyal fireman is due to what some people would call providential interference and others marvellous good luck. An examination of the switch itself after the wreck showed unmistakably that it had been tam-

pered with. There is not room for the shadow of a doubt on that point, and it is almost equally certain that those who fixed the switch expected that it would result in the complete smashing of the express, for on the side track to which the switch led were freight cars laden with pig iron and coal It was not a mere capsizing of the train that they

THE WORK ON THE SWITCH The switch is near the site of the old squirrel goods and just a stone's throw from Glover's Bridge, which spans the canal and another bridge across the railroad tracks. The train wreckers did their work some time between half-past seven and half-past eight o'clock on Thursday night. Track Walker James Freeman examined the switch at the earlier hour and found it all right. His statement is confirmed in the strongest possible manner by the fact that a train

At about half-past eight express train No. 7, consisting of a baggage and express car, a sleeper and

rushed by that switch a few minutes later and met

sisting of a baggage and express can, a sleeper and parlor car and two coaches, came thundering along over the west bound track at something like thirty miles an hour, for West Paterso station was half a mile behind and there had been time to get up speed. But instead of flying by the switch the trean rushed through it and up a long sliding. In a moment the kecomotive was creshing and bumping over flat cars laden with pig iron, and the passengers in the coaches were shaken about like dice in a box.

The locomotive did actually traverse six cars before it toppled over, about as completely knocked out of shape as it is possible for a locomotive to be. Interily the locomotive broke loose from the cars before performing this wonderful feat. The haggage car was knocked into kindling wood, and the two coaches were partially telescoped but the parlor car and sleeper were not much damaged.

There was much noise and contusion, of course, and it took some time to find out that the only two men seriously hurt were the engineer, Morris Lunger, and the firsman, Smith Dremer, as reported in yesterday's Hersald.

Damsing Evidence.

After they had been sent to St. Joseph's Hos-

wedges was found near the switch, bent and battered,

"I am as certain as I am that I stand here," said Mr. Barrott last night, "that the switch had been tampered with, and the way it was done would seem to indicate that it was the work of some persons who understood the mechanism of switches and how to fix them. But I have not the slightest idea who could have done it. We have had no trouble with the men. And it is almost incredible that men would attempt such work for the sake of possible plunner."

Four men were seen on the bridge just before the disaster and they were not seen afterward. One of the passengers who was the first to hop out of the train says that he saw a man on the dead run not far from the train. As clews these do not look very premising. Detective John McKenna, of the Delaware, I actawanna and Western Railroad, was working on the case all day yesterday and has hopes of getting at the bettom of it.

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The doctors thought last night that they may be able to save Engineer Lunger's leg, which was tirst supposed would have to be amputated. The fireman, Smith Drewes, is suffering from severa internal injuries, but is expected to recover.

DRUNK IN THE SIGNAL TOWER.

OPEUATOR FRANK KELLY'S BLUNDER CAUSES A WHECK ON THE ERIE. A train on the Eric Railway, made up of empty passenger coaches bound for Jersey City, crashed into a freight train, which was

crashed into a freight train, which was at a standstill on the track at Ridgewood Junction, N. J., last night. The caboose adjunction, N. J., last night. The caboose are sught from and were destroyed.

The engineer and freman of the passenger train were wrecked. The caboose and two freighters oars caught fire and were destroyed.

The engineer and freman of the passenger train saved themselves by jumping.

The accident was caused by a wrong signal given from the block station west by the operator, Frank Kolly, who was drunk. He refused to surrender the tower, which was broken into by orders from the train despatcher.

It took five men to overpower Kelly and he was bound hand and foot with ropes.

Bartholdi talks with enthusiasm about the American World's Fair of 1893, in the

SUNDAY HERALD. OFF ON A LONG DRIVE.

BY TELEGRAPH TO THE HERALD. I PLEASANTVILLE, N. J., Jan. 2, 1891,-Mr. and Mrs. teelman Collins and Mr. and Mrs. John Parseles, of Pleasantville, started on Monday morning for Chincoteague, Va., expecting to be gone two or three weeks. They went in a two horse covered wagon and will drive the entire distance of two hundred miles.

The journey will be made by easy stages. FELL WITH AN ELEVATOR.

BY TELEGRAPH TO THE HERALD. NEWBURG, N. Y., Jan. 2, 1891,-The elevator at the Front street wagon making shops, in Newburg, of Delancy & Colvill, fell three stories, this afternoon, Delancy & Colvill, fell three stories, this afternoon, carrying with it Arthur Colvill, the senior member of the firm. He received injuries from which he is likely to die to-night. The elevator was outside the building. It was operated by hand and its supports were four wire cables.

Suddanly one of the cables broke and then each of the others snapped and the car fell forty fees.

Mr. Colvill's skull is said to have been fractured. An elevator of the same kind in the same place fell a few years ago and killed a young man.

THE AKRON CHILD MURDERESS.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Jan. 2, 1891. - Sadie McMullen, the Arron child murderess, was arraigned this morning. She heard the arraignment through, but made no sign or answer. Her attorney interposed the plea of 'not guilty." The case will be tried next February. Her attorney says she is insanc. ENGINEER AND FIREMAN KILLED.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 2, 1891.-No. 9, engine 835, Engineer Manford, and No. 46, engine 837, Engineer gener Mantord, and No. 49, engine 837, Engineer Gosnell, collided on the Baltimore and Ohio Rail-road at the east and of the Knoxville siding last night. Both engines and several express cars were badly damaged. Engineer Gosnell and Fire-man Egler were badly injured. The accident was caused by train No. 2 breaking loose between Weverton and Washington Junction. No passen-gers were burt. Mr. Dana, Mr. Depew, ex-Governor

Hoadly, Postmaster Van Cott, Mr. Ward McAllister, Archdeacon Farrar, Profes o Max Muller, Lord Randolph Churchill and other eminent thinker, of this country and Europe describe the qualities essential to the development of the perfect man, in the SUNDAY HERALD